

## **Coronavirus Update**

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## **SRI LANKA**

The coronavirus case count in Srilanka now stands at 89175 cases, with 2693 active cases, 85944 recovered and 538 deaths are reported according to latest health ministry figures.

India gifted 0.5 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine which kicked off Sri Lanka's vaccine rollout to the frontline workers and the security personnel from 27<sup>th</sup> February.

The Sri Lankan government has placed an order for 10 million doses of AstraZeneca vaccine from the Serum Institute of India and a further 3.5 million doses directly from AstraZeneca Institute of UK under the COVAX program. The tourism prospect is also likely to improve in coming days with the pace of immunization.

The country has already opened its borders in January with limited restrictions for testing and quarantine for travelers.

Government has taken measures to review the quarantine process and to reduce the number of quarantine days for travelers who have received the coronavirus vaccine. This is still on process and hopefully we will have a positive update in the regard over coming days.

There is no major outbreak on per day cases at this stage and tourism has started with slow pace with travelers who are on tour operating through secure travel bubble.

Please refer following link for more details for latest guidelines.

Enclosing herewith the links of <u>Srilanka Tourism Operational Guidelines</u> and <u>Srilanka Tourism Safety Protocols</u>